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New York Elevated Train Jump the Track on Curve.

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Open Switch Causes Train to Leave Track and Plunge into Street Below Motorman Attacked by Crowd-The Switchman Was Responsible.

New York, Sept. 12.-Nine perosns were killed and more than thirty in jured by the derailment of an elevated railroad train at Fifty-third street and Ninth avenue today.

The train was a southbound Ninth avenue local and should have continued on the straight track, instead of being switched to the curve by which Sixta avenue trains proceeded on Fifty-third street from Ninth avenme. A Sixth avenue train had just passed and the switch to the curve was open. Owing to this open switch the first ca rof the Ninth avenue train took the switch just barely staying on the rails and turned into Fifty-third street, instead of going down Ninth avenue. The switchman, it is alleged. when he saw the blunder, turned the switch back again as if to send the train on the straight track down Ninth avenue. As soon as this was Jone the train was wrecked. The second car got around the turn, but the third car, owing to the switch being changed was thrown off the track. It fell into the street, turning completely over and landing upside down.

The fourth car and fifth car also left the rails, but but did not fall to the street. The Fourth car struck with terrific force against the building at the southwest corner of Ninth avenue and rested against the fire escapes. This building is occupied in part by a Mrs. Crow, whose family was at breakfast. The passengers in the fourth and fifth cars were able to save themselves and get to the street in safety by climbing through the windows of Mrs. Crow's apartments, from the fire esapes against which the fourth car rested.

Policeman Edward Moran who was injured, was standing beneath the when the acciden thappened. leaped when he heard the crash overhead and escaped death.

"I turned around and saw the car coming to the street," he said. "It fell with a crash of its forward end. The people were jammed forward, holding to the straps and mixed up together.

"When the sides broke out they were scattered all over the street. These were the lucky ones. Those who could not get out were the worst in-

"I saw there was awful work ahead, so I ran to Fifty-first street and turned in an alarm. Then I sent in a call for all the ambulances and aksed for police reserves. As I ran back I yelled for help from wagons of all sorts. When I got back to the street, it was strewn with injured people. We lifted them into grocery wagons, trucks, anything handy ann proceeded with them to the Rooseveli hospital. Many of them were women. They had fainted and it looked as if nearly all were dead.

"When the firemen came they began dragging people out of the car. The further down they got into the mass of humanity the slower the work became, and more serious were the wounds of those rescued. Finally, axes had to be used to get the people from under the wreckage. At that stage they began to pull out the dead.

"The excitement among those in the derailed cars on the structure as they realized what had happened became in-

In the forward car the men seeing the motorman was responsible for the wreck, attacked him and tried to beat him. He was dragged from his seat. but he shouted for fair play and convinced the crowd that it was the switchman and not him that was re-

Eight bodies of those killed in the wreck were taken to the Forty-seventh street police station and each was followed to the station house door by a crowd. In front of the station house the street was packed from building to building, and it was all that a squad of policement placed at the door could do to keep the throng from forcing its way inside. The dead were laid out in a row on the floor and as fast as persons who could convince the police that they could make possible identifications reached the station house. they were admitted.

As the news of the disaster spread the crowd in front of the station house increased until there was danger of ? fatal crush and extra police were or

dered out to aid in clearing the street The head which was found detach ed from the body was that of Solomon Nugast. Both head and body vere found on the tracks, but separated by several yards.

Cornelius A. Jackinson, the switchman who was blamed for causing the disaster, was arrested at his home in West Twenty-second street. He tained that he had set the switch right. QUALITY GOVERNS PRICE

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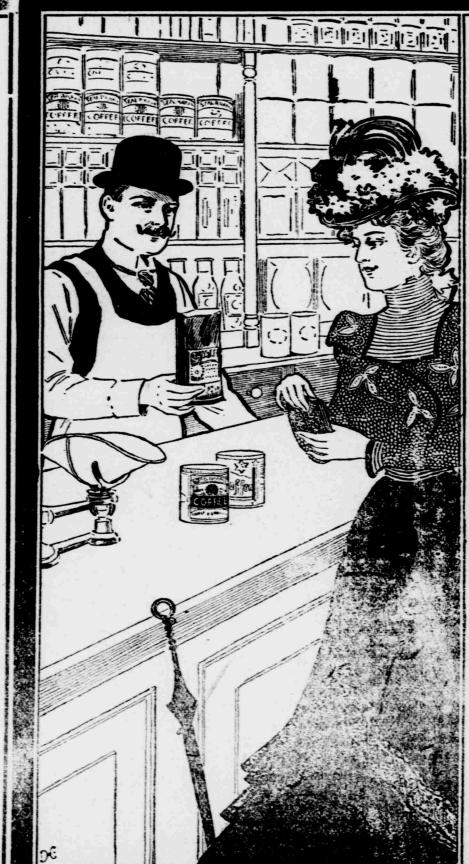
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